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REPORT NO.1. Gera (K06):

a. On 3 April 1948, barracks in Gera and Gera-Tinz were occupied by one armored battalion each. An unconfirmed report states that each barracks yard holds 70 to 80 tanks.

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b. On 9 April, Gera-Friederichstadt received an artillery detachment with an unreported number of 105 mm guns.

2. Weimar (J57)

Passed through Weimar, direction Buchenwald, on 4 April: approximately 50 motorcycles and three 85 mm AT guns.

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3. Mohra (J46):

On 5 April the airfield barracks were being repaired. The buildings are to house a bomber pilot school.

4. Ohdruf (J15):

a. On 6 April an armored division was in the Ohdruf training area. Its ve-

b. According to a local resident, another armored division is moving about in the Hardt, Manner and Herzberg area near Ohdruf; part of this division was to be transferred, for 8 to 10 days (date not given), to Greussen (J29).

5. Sondershausen (D11):

Some personnel of the Sömmersda Freis Kommandatura (J39) have been shifted to Sondershausen. Others from Sömmersda were shifted to the Mühlhausen (now) border Kommandatura; these have vehicles in the CM 22-C5 series. As of 7 April, German police from Saxony were on duty at Mühlhausen.

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On 7 April barracks in Erfurt were being used as follows:

Barracks "auf der Henne"	- One battalion of komendatura troops wearing red tabs with red piping.
"Former 71 Barracks"	- Engineer battalion dismantling Berg Barracks.
Petersberg Barracks	- Reserved for returning Germans (type not specified) 25X1C
Blumenthal Barracks	- State Police. [REDACTED]
Jäger Barracks	- Hospital for Soviet troops and local typhus cases
Berg Barracks	- Being razed.

7. Leipzig (E21):

No Mongolian troops were seen in Leipzig on 8 April. There was much movement of armored, artillery and mechanized troop personnel around the central komendatura in the Gohliserstrasse. [REDACTED]

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8. Meissen (F09):

On 8 April the former signal barracks were occupied by an armored detachment. Two motorized-mechanized battalions (one of motorcycle troops) were at Meissen-Bonitz. All these troops are being trained at Königsbrück.

9. Kremmen (Z57):

On 12 April one battalion of motorized infantry troops were seen in Kremmen. [REDACTED]

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Another battalion is said to have left Kremmen for an unknown destination on 4 April.

10. Oranienburg/Germendorf (Z67):

On 12 April seventy-five YAK-1, ten TU-2, and five U-2 aircraft were observed on the former Heinkel factory airfield. [REDACTED]

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